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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

4 December 1952

SUBJECT: Project AEQUOR (Interim Renewal)

1. Subject project, a joint FI-PM operation, expired 30 June 1952.
2. At present, three agents have been infiltrated into the USSR and three agents are awaiting clearance prior to beginning W/T training. SR contemplates that two or more agent candidates may be assessed to begin training during this month.
3. SR is requesting funds on an interim basis, in the amount of [] to cover the period from 1 July 1952 through 31 December 1952. The breakdown is as follows:

Agents, spotters	[]
Operational expenses	12,800
Special equipment	-1,640
	[]

4. No estimate is included for funds to establish the Indoctrination and Assessment Center, since action on that proposal will be deferred until an understanding has been reached by Headquarters and the field.

5. When a decision is made by the DD/P concerning joint projects, AEQUOR will be processed through regular FI Staff channels.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that approval be granted on an interim basis, as requested.

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Approved: []

Chief, Plans
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5 Dec 52

Date

ATTACHMENT: Project Outline AEQUOR

cc: STC/SPB
RI for Vital Records

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(3) Byelorussian/AEQUOR:

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(a) During the last month considerable discussion was held with CAMBISTA 2 with regard to the establishment of the AEQUOR Cadre School. In line with previous thinking on this subject, [] took a trip to Brussels to ascertain the operational climate in that area. The outcome of the Brussels discussions are reported separately []-395. The failure of our organization to provide the Cadre school for CAMBISTA 1 has created a very unfavorable atmosphere in our relations with that group. CAMBISTA 1 has the opinion, whether warranted or not, that the U. S. Government is either unwilling or unable to back up its plans. Several examples of this were cited, namely: the cancellation of the recruiting trip to Canada, which would possibly have provided some excellent candidates for penetration operations; the cancellation of the P/A school, which was regarded by this group in particular as a very vital and necessary program in the anti-bolshevist fight; and, on top of that, the failure to provide a Cadre school. Taken as a whole, our actions have been interpreted to indicate that we really have no long range plans but operate on an ad hoc basis with emphasis upon partisan-type activity of the moment.

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(b) So far as support for the AEQUOR II team is concerned, the following action is contemplated: we will train two men, CAMPOSANTO 3 and CAMPOSANTO 10, as W/T operators only. This should suffice to cover the loss of CAMPOSANTO 4 and to provide an adequate W/T coverage for the projected operations of the AEQUOR II team. It is anticipated that these two men will begin their training by the 20th of December. A training program is being devised by [] under the general supervision of [] and []. We plan to utilize CAMBISTA 5 to assist, at least on a part-time basis, with the training of the two W/T operators. CAMBISTA 5 has had considerable partisan experience and should be helpful in the survival aspects of their training.

(c) We are continuing to subsidize the two principal CAMBISTA 1 publications, namely, "The Fatherland" and "The Hornet". The cost of "The Fatherland" is approximately 4600 DM per month, and "The Hornet", which comes out about once every six weeks or two months, is 600 DM per issue. In line with the general review of relationships with emigre groups, we would like some guidance and advice from Headquarters with regard to the extent of continued subsidization of any CAMBISTA 1 publication. The view of the field is that, whether or not it comes within the particular province of the AEQUOR project, these publications have a definite place in intelligence activities, if only to serve as media to keep a large mass of the emigration politically aware. Combined with a centralized Cadre program, this type of activity should be very useful to our organization from a long range point of view.